

AssemblyLine

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Lectionary Texts: Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

Welcome to Assembly Mennonite Church

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Worship at 9:30am, Sunday school at 10:45am

WORSHIP

August 25	September 1
Worship leader: <i>Randy Roth</i> Preacher: <i>Deanna Risser</i> Welcoming & tear-down: <i>Ad Lib & 8th St+</i>	Worship leader: <i>Becky Snider</i> Preacher: <i>Lora Nafziger</i>
Scripture: Luke 21:1-4; Genesis 28:22, Deuteronomy 14:22-23, 28-29	Scripture: 1 Kings 18:3-4; 2 Kings 4:1-7

CALENDAR

Tue	Aug 27	7:15pm Small Group Reps meeting
Thu	Aug 29	6pm Leadership Group Orientation Retreat
Tue	Sept 3	7pm Leadership Group meeting
Fri	Sept 6	9:30am Greencroft meetup

ANNOUNCEMENTS

assembly life and people

TODAY is our second Sunday our Fall worship series on Stewardship of Money. Attached at the top of this email you will find the intro to this series, hard copies are on the lit table.

Hearing Well at AMC is the theme for second hour TODAY. The focus will be on how speakers in our worship and meetings can include those with hearing loss; how to use the hearing assistance that AMC provides; and other information about hearing loss and its impacts. This will be of special interest to speakers, those with impaired hearing, their family and friends. David Powell and Glen Gilbert are the presenters.

Update your contact information with Assembly by checking on rolling cart in the gathering space TODAY. If info is incorrect or missing, correct it on the clipboard. Also, Paul Meyer Reimer will be taking pictures for [the photo directory](#) TODAY, Sept 1 and 8. Find him if you'd like your picture added or updated, or you can email a digital copy of a photo you already have to office@assemblymennonite.org.

Lora Nafziger will be out of the office attending the Wabash Pastoral Leadership program Tue, Aug 27-Wed 28. The theme is "Indiana's changing Economy."

Anyone who has not already asked for church based aid for schooling this year must contact Steve Schrock at sdschrock@hotmail.com by Fri, Aug 30.

The Privileges of the Child in Assembly: 2. *To wander among us during worship being the responsibility of each of us.* As a community of faith, our care and support for each other extends into our corporate worship. All participants can help make worship a good place for children and families by caring for children and supporting parents. Invite a child to sit with you during worship, help a child find a song in the hymnal, or offer to hold a baby.

Help put Care Packs together this Tue, Aug 27, 7pm, at Susan Mark Landis' home (maps in her mailbox). All genders and most ages are welcome. Please let Susan know if you are coming. Donations of wrapped, unscented products are welcome, as is money.

The time you've been holding your breath for has arrived! Our turn to serve our neighbors with Interfaith Hospitality Network is nearly here. We are serving Sept 2, 3, and 5. Please see the sign up list on the Assembly website, <https://assemblymennonite.org/goshen-interfaith-hospitality-network/>, and let Susan know when you'd like to serve a meal (prepared by Elkhart Faith Mission) or host an evening. Thanks!

Women's Lunch Bunch organizational meeting Sept 4, 12pm at the meetinghouse. Bring your own lunch. RSVP to Sharon Kauffmann (smkauffmann@gmail.com) or Mary Yoder Holsopple (maryyoderholsopple@gmail.com)

Calling all AMC children and youth who play string instruments! Stacey Farran is organizing a string ensemble to provide prelude music for the worship service on Sept. 8.

If you are interested and have not already been in conversation with Stacey, please email her, and she will get music to you - stacey.farran@comcast.net

The Goshen Community Chorale will begin rehearsing for its upcoming 2019-20 season on Tue evening, Sept 10, at College Mennonite Church, beginning at 7pm. For this fall the Chorale will be preparing a program of English cathedral music, to be performed with organ and brass, which will take place at the First Presbyterian Church in Goshen on Sunday evening, Nov 24. A number of Assemblyites are involved with the Chorale and Bill Mateer is its director. Interested persons should touch base with Bill (mateers@aol.com).

Semilla sent Assembly a letter with updates, one of which included Andrea Moya's new position as director of Semilla's CASAS program. Click on the link at the top of the email to read the letter.

Cynthia Murphy of IUSB wrote to Assembly to thank us for our support of two DACA students via our Two-percent fund. "You are really making a positive difference in the lives of immigrants in our community. Gracias del fondo de mi corazon!" -Cynthia

Central District Conference's August edition of their monthly newsletter, Focus, can be read [here](#).

(repeat) **September is National Hunger Month.** The Window here in Goshen provides breakfast, a hot lunch, Meals on Wheels lunches, afternoon sandwich distribution, Lunch Box (A program that provides lunches for those who are employed full-time and need assistance) and a food pantry. They rely heavily on food and monetary donations from the community to provide these services. For that reason, Assembly is holding a food drive every Sunday in Sept, all that is collected will go to The Window. They also have a goal of \$10,000 set for this Sept effort; consider donating to help them reach that goal.

(repeat) **Request for volunteers.** The Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale is seeking volunteers to help with the Online Auction **AT THE Sale**. Fri evening and Sat morning, Sept 27 & 28. 1. Greeters 2. Computer helpers (able to log people into the bidding site. Fairly easy to do) 3. Bidding buddies. Roam the floor and help people find items and bidding prices. You will need a smart phone on which we

will download a QR code reader, or use one of the I-Pads we will have. Please contact Jep Hostetler at 614-561-1076 or 574-3762, or send an E-mail to Hostetlerjep@gmail.com. We would love to have you.

(repeat) **Thank you to everyone** who has donated to help our cleaning person extraordinaire, Mari, and her family pay down medical expenses. Her husband is healing well, but there is no timeline for when he'll be able to return to work. If you haven't already donated, [you can do so here](#) or you can drop a check in the offering with "Mari" in the memo line.

(repeat) **Chandler Elementary** is looking for a special education paraprofessional for 32.5 hours a week. For further details, talk to Mitch Rhodes or email Chandler's principal, Cheryl Williams cwilliams@goshenschools.org.

community connections

Menno-Hof Hymn Sing at the Farmstead Inn Pavilion (just south of Menno-Hof), Sun, Sept 8, 5pm. Come and enjoy a cappella singing of familiar hymns! Everyone is invited to stay for ice cream and pretzels following the hymn sing. Chairs and hymn books will be provided.

You are all invited to attend the Post Picnic, a fundraiser for The Post, a Christian faith-based teen center located in the old post office in downtown Goshen. At-risk teens who attend the Post are invited to have fun and learn about God as they build relationships with caring adults. The picnic will be Sun, Sept 8 at 6pm in the backyard at 125 Woodlawn Drive, Goshen. Individual cost is \$40 per person and table prices are available as well. Come and enjoy a delicious picnic supper, hear some good music, listen to some stories about the work at the Post, and end the evening with s'mores! It's a fun evening and supports a great cause for kids in Goshen. For reservations, call 574-534-7678 or email eman@the-post.org. If you have questions or would like to donate a silent auction item, contact Executive Director, E-man. Hope you can come!

Michiana Relief Sale announcements: There is much going on as preparations are made for the 2019 Michiana Relief Sale on Sept 28. See the attachment at the top of this email to read all about ways you can get involved!

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The Relief Sale Composting and Recycling Committee is excited about the growing commitment at the Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale to maximizing good (“sharing God’s love and compassion for all in the name of Christ”) while also minimizing the negative impacts of unnecessary waste. We are especially grateful to the Relief Sale Board for their commitment to purchasing compostable food containers, which makes this initiative possible. Volunteers are needed to help attendees place refuse in correct containers. Contact Aaron Gerber at agerbman83@gmail.com to sign-up for the following times: **Fri, Sept 27** 5:30-7pm, 7-8pm, 8-9pm; **Sat, Sept 28** 10-11:30am, 11:30-1pm, 1-3pm, 3-5pm. Together we can care for God’s creation. Please join us!

Alumni Reunions at Bethany: Bethany Christian Schools in Goshen will be hosting class reunions and activities for its alumni and their families on Saturday, Sept. 28. The following graduating classes will hold their reunions Saturday: 1959, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004, 2009, and 2014. Reunion classes will meet Saturday afternoon at Bethany for visiting and a catered dinner. Alumni interested in attending should register by Sept. 17. Registration and details available at bethanycs.net/reunions.

Take a fall course at AMBS! Sept. 3 – Dec. 13. Online courses include Creation Care: Theology, Ethics and Spirituality; History of Christianity in Africa; Human Development and Christian Formation; Psalms; and more. We’re also offering 13 campus courses. Nonadmitted students get 50% off their first course for credit! ambs.edu/onecourse

Exploring Anabaptist History and Theology: Sept. 11 – Oct. 22. Join Jamie Pitts, Ph.D., to examine theological topics early Anabaptists cared about: Jesus, the Holy Spirit and discipleship. This online AMBS course lasts six weeks. No grades, no papers! Only \$300 if you register by Aug. 16; \$350 by Sept. 6. CEUs available. ambs.edu/shortcourses

House for Rent: Unique short term rental opportunity for a fully furnished 3 bedroom, 3 bath home; available the last week of October through mid April 2020. Located next to the bike path in the Greenwood Subdivision on Goshen’s

west side with easy access to both Goshen College & Goshen Hospital (3 miles) and Elkhart. \$1200/month plus gas & electric. Call Gwen @ 536-2087 for more info.

In 2020, Mennonite Central Committee will celebrate 100 years of MCC working around the world for relief, development and peace. As part of the Centennial celebration people all over the US, Canada and Europe will be knotting comforters during The Great Winter Warm-up on Sat, Jan 18, 2020. There will be a 2-day event in Kidron, OH and they hope for many smaller events throughout our region. More info can be found at greatwinterwarmup.org; there you can sign up to host an event.

(repeat) **Drop in for morning prayer** at 8am, Tue-Fri at Pathways Retreat (309 1/2 Hackett Rd, Goshen). These guided contemplative prayer experiences invite you to engage with God through wisdom from our Mystic of the Month (Tues), Scripture (Wed), Psalms (Thurs), and Creation (Fri). www.pathwaysretreat.org for more info.

(repeat) **Listening Together** is an ever-evolving group that meets weekly at Pathways Retreat (309 1/2 Hackett Rd, Goshen). This fall we are reflecting on John Philip Newell’s book, *The Rebirthing of God: Christianity’s Struggle for New Beginnings*. www.pathwaysretreat.org for more info.

(repeat) **Join us at the MCC Great Lakes Open House** on Thur, Aug 29, from 4-6pm. You are invited to stop by our office in The Depot building in Goshen for an informal time of conversation and fellowship with MCC Great Lakes staff. At 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. there will be MCC updates from J. Ron Byler, MCC U.S. Executive Director, as well as stories from Great Lakes programs around the region. For more information and to register, visit mcc.org/gl-open-house or RSVP to 574-534-4133 or GreatLakes@mcc.org and indicate whether you would like a tour of the Material Resources Center warehouse.

(repeat) **AMBS Spiritual Direction: Mystery:** Cultivate your ministry of spiritual direction through *Spiritual Direction: Mystery*, an advanced level of our supervised program. This course (meeting three times on campus for two days each) will help you focus on the ineffable presence and activity of God. Register by Sept. 5 and save \$100! ambs.edu/lifelong-learning/spiritual-direction-mystery

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(repeat) **You're invited** to ADEC 2019 Annual Celebration Thur, Oct 10 11:30am-1pm at Lerner Theatre with special guest Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch. Tickets may be purchased at adecinc.com/celebrate.

(repeat) **Men and Boys Retreat: Oct 18-20** I Am: Radical Self-Awareness. Who are you? If you peel back the layers of your job, education and family responsibilities, what parts of your identity are you left with? We move through the world, building relationships, seeking careers or starting families without taking the time to get to know the most important person in our lives: ourselves. Getting to know ourselves means we've got to ask difficult questions, face uncomfortable or hidden truths and be willing to accept both the light and darkness within. Sounds hard right? It is, but the reward is a sense of healing, liberty, and power that we thought out of reach. The key to unlocking our greatest potential and living into our divine purpose is radical self-awareness. This is the work that brought Jesus to the cross and this is the work that will transform our lives, communities, and potentially the world. Are you ready to know who you are? Speaker: Benjamin J. Tapper is a chaplain for Indiana University Health as well as the co-founder of the Hear Me Project. Ben manages a blog called Invisible Truths and has written articles for The Salt Collective, The Mennonite and Christianity Now.

[More Information](#)

(repeat) **Pathways Retreat's** August edition of their monthly newsletter, Rhythms, can be viewed [here](#).

(repeat) **This year, the Michiana MEDA** local board of directors is pleased to announce that we'll focus our hub's giving efforts to support MEDA's ambitious "Building Enduring Livelihoods" campaign. Through this campaign, MEDA is working to fund 31 major global projects, which will help an estimated 10 million entrepreneurs lift their families and communities out of poverty. Not only that, once MEDA hits it's \$50 million goal in private donor support, it will unlock an additional \$300 million dollars from institutional funders. This is an amazing way to create a profound ripple effect with every dollar given! Michiana MEDA also pledges \$3000 in hub funds to match donations from our members. Please consider contributing today! To support this amazing

initiative, and have your donation matched by our local hub, please send a check to:
Michiana MEDA, PO Box 871, Goshen, IN 46527.

(repeat) **Professor of Biblical Studies position open:** This full-time position with Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana, starts July 1, 2020. Preferred qualifications: Ph.D. or equivalent; expertise in Old Testament or New Testament studies and competence to teach in the other testament; intercultural competency; and the ability to inspire students in face-to-face and online learning environments. ambs.edu/jobs

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